
Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

Groundwater Monitoring Assistance for Growers

The Central Coast Water Board has allocated grant funding to assist growers in obtaining free groundwater sampling and laboratory services to comply with the Agricultural Order. Assistance will be prioritized for small and/or economically disadvantaged farmers who qualify as “Limited Resource Farmer/Rancher or Socially Disadvantaged Operators”. Growers that do not meet the economic qualifying criteria will be placed on a waiting list, pending the availability of additional funds. Qualified growers are encouraged to contact Monterey Bay Analytical Services (MBAS) to make arrangements for the free services.

Qualifying Criteria:

1. **Location** - Ranch/farm must be located within the Greater Salinas Valley; Bolsa Nueva and Salinas Valley Hydrologic Units. **NOTE:** If you received this notice, then our records show that your ranch/farm is located within this geographic area.
 - a. **Acreage** - Ranch/farm must be less than or equal to **50-acres**
 - b. **Economics** – Ranch/farm must meet the USDA’s Limited Resource Farmer criteria using the “Self Determination Tool”
at: <http://www.lrftool.sc.egov.usda.gov/DeterminationTool.aspx?fyYear=2013>.
Growers are responsible for making this determination on their own and maintaining proper documentation for their records.

If you meet these criteria (1a or 1b) and would like an opportunity to obtain free groundwater sampling and laboratory services, please contact David Holland at Monterey Bay Analytical Services at:

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